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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTRY EMPLOYEE OVERHEARD SAYING BENIN WILL
PNG AMBASSADOR

EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE OVERHEARD CONVERSATION AT A FUNERAL
LAST NIGHT BETWEEN CHARLES SEMASSOU, FORNMINISTER'S PUBLIC
RELATIONS ATTACHE, AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED MAN. SEMASSOU INDI-
CATED THAT BENIN GOVT CONDUCTING REVIEW OF ITS RELATIONS WITH
US. BECAUSE OF LACK OF AMERICAN ACTION ON THE BRIDGE/DAM,
FOLLOWING FAILURE OF U.S. OIL COMPANIES TO COME IN LAST YEAR
TO EXPLOIT OFFSHORE OIL DEPOSITS (AFTER EXPULSION OF UNION
OIL), AMERICAN AMB WOULD BE PNG'D SOON. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO
SPUR THE USG TO GO FORWARD WITH BRIDGE/DAM PROJECT.
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